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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, OPEC, SA

SUBJECT: OPEC PROPOSES SURCHARGE ON COMPANY PROFITS

1. AHMED ZAKI YAMANI, SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM TOLD THE  
AMBASSADOR MAY 4 THAT OPEC IN VIENNA HAS JUST RECOMMENDED  
ACCEPTANCE OF THE IRANIAN PROPOSAL FOR A SURCHARGE ON "EXCESS"  
COMPANY PROFITS.

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2. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW THIS WOULD WORK. IN FACT, HE

WAS FAIRLY SURE IT WOULDN'T WORK.

3. HE THOUGHT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOT LEVY SUCH A SURCHARGE REGARDLES OF THE OPEC DECISION.

4. YAMANI SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE IRANIAN ANALYSIS OF WHERE THE COMPANIES MADE THEIR PROFITS, AND HE WONDERED WHAT THE CONSUMER GOVERNMENTS WOULD SAY ABOUT SUCH A TAX. IT WOULD CLEARLY ADD TO THEIR BURDENS. THE COMPANIES, HE SAID, NEEDED PROFITS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION AND IF THEY ARE PLOWING THEIR PROFITS BACK INTO THE INDUSTRY, THE CONSUMER GOVERNMENTS SHOULDN'T OBJECT- NEITHER SHOULD THE PRODUCERS. AKINS

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